

Royal Couple leaves Aruba impressed and with high regards Obama defends Iran policy amid Israel anger

ORANJESTAD -- After a two days visit to Aruba and various days in the Dutch Caribbean, and two days of courtesy visits to Venezuela and Colombia, the Royal Couple and accompanying delegation left our island on Sunday afternoon with feelings of great satisfaction. Wherever they went on Aruba they were warmly received with open arms by all. They enjoyed our beautiful sea, the spectacular program prepared for them and a never before seen show at Bushiribana. They will carry all of this back in their hearts. On the General Aviation ramp, Governor Rejunjol, Prime Minister Mike Eman, members of the organizing committee and Commander of the Aruba Marines bid goodbye to the Royal Couple. King Willem-Alexander took his place behind the cockpit of the PH-KBX which he piloted to Curacao. His is a passionate pilot. In Curacao they boarded a KLM plane to Holland.

According to Governor Rejunjol, the couple was very pleased with the manner in which everything went, so orderly. On more than one occasion they asked the Governor to be sure to thank everyone for them. They were very impressed how everything was organized, with such order and beautifully.

The King called Aruba the 'natural bridge' between the



two continents. Holland has to invest in this concept which was heavily reinforced during the visit to Colombia and with President Santos and in Venezuela with President Maduro. One thing that resounds each time, according to Eman, is that The King and Queen are in favor of Aruba's gateway concept between Europe and Latin America.

Aruba is seen as a positive force, of leadership for the important changes to give new essence to the Dutch Kingdom. Eman is very pleased with the enthusiasm during this high level visit taking Aruba on its road to social economic development. This visit he said provides us even more impetus for a closer working relationship with Holland.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - US President Barack Obama yesterday defended his administration's Iran policy on Monday but said "huge challenges" remained to successfully implement a landmark deal on Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

Obama has come under fierce criticism from Republican rivals at home and key allies abroad, such as Israel, for pursuing a diplomatic solution to the Iran question.

Israel decried the breakthrough agreement reached in Geneva on Sunday -- under which Tehran agreed to curb its nuclear program in return for an easing of sanctions -- as a "historic mistake."

Obama, however, insisted that the US policy of diplo-

macy twinned with sanctions had been more productive than rhetoric, stating that "tough talk" alone would not guarantee US security.

"For the first time in a decade, we've halted the progress on Iran's nuclear program," Obama said. "Key parts of the program will be rolled back."

Obama said diplomacy would continue over the coming months in a bid to settle "once and for all" the "threat of Iran's nuclear program."

Earlier yesterday, France said the European Union could begin lifting sanctions on Iran next month as world powers set about implementing the deal with Tehran while seeking to placate a furious Israel.

Wreckage from ill-fated Missoni plane recovered

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan authorities yesterday recovered the wreckage of the plane that crashed in the Caribbean with Italian fashion heir Vittorio Missoni, his wife and several others.

The fuselage from the aircraft carrying Missoni, his wife Maurizia Castiglioni, another Italian couple and two crew members was brought to the surface of the ocean, Attorney General Luisa Ortega said in a Twitter message.

The small plane, which

vanished off the Venezuelan coast in January, was found in June in about 80 meters (240 feet) of water, north of the Caribbean archipelago of Los Roques.

Divers retrieved the remains from the wrecked plane last month and are still in the process of identifying all the victims, officials said.

Missoni, 58, the son of the eponymous fashion label's founder Ottavio Missoni, was the fashion house's marketing director.

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CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) had only words of praise and commendation for Ritz Carlton. (See story on page 3)

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Last week to purchase unique hand-painted silk scarves at Caribbean Queen

ORANJESTAD -- THE MORNING NEWS is very proud of their reporter/photographer Rosalie Klein, who was selected by the Caribbean Queen boutique in Palm Beach Plaza as their artisan for the month of November. Rosalie's specialty is painting on pure silk with dyes, to produce unique, one-of-a-kind works of wearable art.

Her new collection of colorful scarves, created just for this exhibit, went on display the first of the month, along with three silk covered cushions. Last week, on Thursday, November 21, the store hosted their monthly featured artist



demo, where Rosalie explained the process of silk painting and what inspires her.

Sales have been brisk, and half of the eleven-piece collection of scarves have been snapped up, with only a few remaining for sale over this last week of November.

"There are a number of techniques that can be used to paint on silk, as well as varying mediums to affect the behavior of the dye," explained



the artist. "I often base the subjects of my paintings on photographs I have taken around Aruba, such as this one of the Brassavola nodosa, the native Aruban orchid. These result in more precise designs, requiring a more exacting technique."

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RBC Royal Bank picks first winner of its End of the Year campaign

ORANJESTAD -- Recently, RBC Royal Bank announced Mrs. Jessica Koolman as the first winner of its End of the Year campaign. She won Afls. 1,500.

RBC's campaign is in full swing and each month, there is a new winner. The raffle ends December 31, 2013.

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ORANJESTAD -- Ronella Tjin Sjoe-Croes said..."we want to congratulate the management of Ritz Carlton, all employees, the Ladies and Gentlemen of Ritz Carlton, as they are referred to, with the opening today, you are a jewel of a product for Aruba."

The chief executive of the organization who manages tourism in Aruba assured that Ritz Carlton is much more than just a hotel. She referred to the effects that this investment has in the entire commu-

nity, not forgetting the new projects that were announced during the opening. This definitely symbolizes a jewel for Aruba which now forms part of our product. We are proud to have a Ritz Carlton which logically will bring many advantages for us, according to Ronella Tjin Sjoe-Croes.

With a total of 320 rooms, the objective that ATA foresees in 2014 is a growth of 6% in the number of tourists, which will be attributed to the introduction of Ritz Carlton. Aruba can count on a minimum of 25.000 additional visitors to our island. Ritz Carlton will have a definite benefit for the American market in conformity with its very own strategy. They can also conquer the different Latin American markets.

The facility for focusing on the MICE (Meetings Incentives Conference Exhibitions) is also a possibility that Aruba

may see growth in this area.

Ritz Carlton gives Aruba added value. We must position Aruba as a quality destination to attract visitors with a higher income level that can spend more. Ritz Carlton will help increase spending on Aruba in view of the profile of their visitors. The profile of Ritz Carlton and its visitors will give us more incentive to attract higher spending visitors. We can now enter the luxury travel market, according to Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

Last week to purchase...

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Observers who came to watch Rosalie demonstrate her art were impressed with the effort it takes to create each scarf. One lady could not make up her mind which she wanted, but was quite determined to take home this unusual souvenir of Aruba. She finally selected a stunning sunflower she plans to wear as a beach cover, as most of the scarves are very large.

Each month, the Palm Beach Plaza store features a local female artisan, which

they dub their "Caribbean Queen." Handcrafted glass and pottery beads, handbags of recycled materials, and other stunning accessories, all original works created by local artists, are the pride of the shop's inventory.

Caribbean Queen is found on the ground level of Palm Beach Plaza, only a short walk from all the Palm Beach resorts. The store is open daily, seven days a week, from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Help make a happy holiday season for the less fortunate with Rotaract and Ling & Sons



ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba chapter of the youth program of Rotary Club International that evolved into Rotaract is busy with a seasonal campaign "One for Me & One for Them" to collect foodstuffs and necessities for the island's less fortunate.

Beginning on Saturday, November 23, a contingent of volunteers set up their station adjacent to the entrance to Ling & Sons Supermarket in Oranjestad. Rotaract began this annual program in 2011, and last year

distributed 140 food baskets to needy families. While shopping for holiday celebrations, they ask patrons to share the spirit of the season and help them provide a happy holiday surprise for Aruba's less fortunate.

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SETAR N.V. launches its annual End of the Year campaign



ORANJESTAD — SETAR N.V. during the TV show "Magia di Pasco," which was transmitted live at TeleAruba studios last night, launched its eagerly-anticipated End of the Year campaign.

Every year, SETAR clients are waiting to hear what it includes and of the terrific prizes Aruba's national telecommunication company always gives away during the Christmas season.

There are also great deals on cellular phones, Internet, landlines and SETAR Cable services. During the show, SETAR executives gave a demonstration and explained all the new 'must have' products and accessories SETAR has in stock.

SETAR invites everyone to visit the SETAR Store to get a peek of all the tremendous array of special offers it has in store.

During the show, the SETAR Marketing team, together with the SETAR Store personnel, described each all the offers SETAR has for this Christmas season from cordless telephones, to the last models of cellular and smart phones. They will also offer the latest tablets and laptops. Don't miss the special offers on Mi-Fi internet connections, a Digital Cable Box and Multi-room DVR for all SETAR clients.

PALM BEACH- Back by popular demand, Westin resort welcomes three noted New York funnymen who return to perform in "Aruba Ray's Comedy Show" until December 3rd.

Ray Ellin, who has earned the moniker among his cohorts of "Aruba Ray," for his dedication to the island, presents his third great comedy revue in the cozy cabaret located within the Palm Beach resort. The purchase of a ticket includes a \$40 Free Slot Play at Westin's in-house casino.

Ray is the sharp, witty host of the show, which THE MORNING NEWS can attest will elicit plenty of belly laughs. Joining him again is television veteran Brian Scott McFadden and the equally popular Wali Collins, who will be appearing on Aruba for the first time.

"I love Aruba. I first came about 16months ago, and have returned every month since. It's an amazing island," said Ellin. "We had incredible audiences the last time we performed here, and a fantas-

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Brian Scott McFadden

tic time at the Westin. We're really looking forward to more great shows. And going for another swim in the Natural Pool."

Ellin has appeared on numerous television programs on Comedy Central, NBC, ABC, and CBS, and is the host of the new "Gong Show Live," a resurrection of the classic 70's television show. He was the host of the popular talk show "Late Net," and hosted the television shows "The Movie Loft," "Brain Fuel," and "New York Now." He also produced and directed the film "The Latin Legends of Comedy."

Wali Collins has performed all over the U.S. and Europe as well as for both President Obama and President Bush. He is a recognizable face, having appeared on countless television programs from the "David Letterman Show" to ABC's "The View" and Comedy Central's "Chappelle's Show." He is also a published author, and has been in dozens of TV commercials. He performs all over the United States and Europe.

Brian Scott McFadden was recently on "The David Letterman Show" and the "Craig Ferguson show," and is now appearing in the Ben



Wali Collins

Stiller movie "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."

Tickets for the shows can be purchased at any De Palm Tours desk or guest services desk. They are \$49 per ticket; guests of the Westin can purchase advance tickets for \$40. There are also dinner packages available. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Doors open at 8:00 PM and the show starts at 9:00 PM. The comedy is intended for an adult audience. There is NO drink minimum and a full bar and food menu is available.

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Police Force introduces first female dog guide and partner Drocco



ORANJESTAD -- During the past weekend, during the international horse competition at Villa Floralina, Aruba met her first feminine dog guide and her canine partner, Drocco. The Interpaso Organization approached the K9 Unity of the Police Force to give a show of their daily work, their skills and specializations.

The general public enjoyed their presentation immensely, according to head of the K9 Unit, Richard Kramers.

Jessica Teixeira is a first class agent, who began her career in the Police Force four years ago. Upon the search for someone to work the K-9 and

narcotic substance search and point out team Jessica Teixeira resulted in "the women for the job." She was then assigned to go to the US for an intensive training to find her specialized dog in the field of narcotics, Brocco.

The training in the US included "traffic stops," warehouse searches and training in the camp. Teixeira is very pleased with the training and with the change in her career. She loves dogs and knows how to handle them and enjoys her new challenge and new experience. Monday was her first official day in the office.

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PDVSA interested in processing crude in Aruba by Valero

ORANJESTAD -- During their visit to Aruba King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima took the opportunity to visit the neighboring countries in the Caribbean, Columbia and Venezuela. This is a continuation of their program in Holland, visiting neighboring countries to Holland. In Colombia they met with President Santos who received them with great honor. In Venezuela the reception was just as warm and honoring. They were received with great hospitality by President Maduro. The Royal Couple was accompanied both to Venezuela and to Colombia by Prime Ministers of Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten. Prime Minister of Aruba, Mike Eman returned very satisfied with his visits.

The Prime Minister indicated that Colombia is very interested in TNO and in the services that TNO can offer to the island of San Andres. Soon they will sign an MUO with Colombia. President Santos requested his ministers to give attention to the islands and particularly to Aruba. They also sat down with the Colombian Minister of Finance, Mr. Cardenas, who is a good friend of Aruba.

According to Mike Eman,



what resulted interesting in Venezuela is the opportunity to speak extensively about the Valero refinery. King Willem-Alexander showed much interest in the topic of Valero. Reportedly, PDVSA has a great interest in reaching an agreement to process crude in Aruba by Valero. They are in the process of exploring how to reach an agreement. According to Eman, such an agreement would mean the reopening of the refinery which will help our economy for 2014-2015.

Eman said, "We must all be carefully optimistic because we know how complicated these matters are." The information is forthcoming from President Maduro and Minister Ramirez, who is in charge of oil affairs, which gives it much credibility. What gives us hope is something can result from our new dialogue with PDVSA, says Eman.



No motive to 26 murders in 11 minutes at US school

NEW YORK (AFP) - Investigators have failed to find a motive in one of America's deadliest mass school shootings, but said the shooter was mentally troubled and obsessed with the Columbine school shooting.

The official report into the December 14 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School closes the investigation, but does little more than shed new light on the extent of Adam Lanza's behavioral problems.

It does not make plain specifically what led him to murder 26 people in less than 11 minutes.

The deeply troubled 20-year-old first shot dead his mother in the head as she lay in bed then shot his way into the school he once attended in the sleepy town of Newtown in Connecticut.

Using a Bushmaster rifle he killed the principal and school psychologist, and injured two other staff members in the hall.

He then entered first grade classrooms eight and 10, killing two adults in each room, 15 children in classroom 8 and five in classroom 10 with the same rifle.

Police arrived less than four minutes after receiving an emergency call. But Lanza killed himself a minute later with a single shot from a Glock 20, 10 mm pistol in classroom 10.

"In fewer than 11 minutes 20 first-grade pupils and six adults had lost their lives," said the report from the state attorney.

"The evidence clearly shows that the shooter planned his actions, including the taking of his own life, but

there is no clear indication why he did so," the report said.

More than 300 live rounds were found at the school, a semi-automatic pistol on the shooter's body, a semi-automatic shotgun in his car and a rifle on the floor of his mother's bedroom.

All the firearms had been bought legally by Lanza's mother. A Christmas check for another rifle from his mother was also found during a search of their nearby home.

However Lanza was known to have had "significant mental health issues" and was obsessed with mass murders, especially the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado when two teenage boys killed 13 people, the report noted.

US warns Karzai it may leave no troops in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US National Security Advisor Susan Rice told Afghan President Hamid Karzai yesterday Washington could not wait until after the 2014 Afghan elections to sign a security pact and, without a deal, may have to plan to leave no troops behind next year.

"Without a prompt signature, the US would have no choice but to initiate planning for a post-2014 future in which there would be no US or NATO troop presence in Afghanistan," Rice told Karzai, according to a White House statement.

"Ambassador Rice stressed... that deferring the signature of the agreement until after next year's elections is not viable" when she met with Karzai at the end of a three-day trip to Kabul, it added.

Washington was ready to sign the deal in the coming days after the loyajirga, or traditional assembly, urged the Afghan leader to sign the bila-

teral security agreement (BSA), Rice said.

But "in response, President Karzai outlined new conditions for signing the agreement and indicated he is not prepared to sign the BSA promptly," the White House said.

Rice argued that waiting to sign the deal, which is meant to provide the legal protection for US troops remaining in the country, "would not provide the United States and NATO allies the clarity necessary to plan for a potential post-2014 military presence."

"Nor would it provide Afghans with the certainty they deserve regarding their future, in the critical months preceding elections," Rice told Karzai as they met over dinner on the last day of her visit.

She warned too that "the lack of a signed BSA would jeopardize NATO and other nations' pledges of assistance made at the Chicago and Tokyo conferences in 2012."

Winter storm kills 13 in US, threatens holiday travel

CHICAGO (AFP) - A major winter storm that has dumped freezing rain and snow in the US southwest has killed at least 13 people in five states, US media reported. The storm is expected to continue east over the next several days, just as tens of millions of travelers are expected to hit the road or take to the skies ahead of the US Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

Images from the storm-hit region showed thick layers of ice on sidewalks and icicles dripping off leaves.

The storm is forecast to bring substantial snow to the Appalachian mountains and New England, in the northeast, by Wednesday, which is one of the biggest US travel days of the year, according to meteorologists at Accuweather.com.



NEW YORK - Volunteers at the New York City Rescue Mission serve meals during the 15th Annual Great Thanksgiving Banquet on November 25, 2013 in New York City. Hundreds of traditional Thanksgiving meals were served to people in need at the lunch. America's first rescue mission, the The New York City Rescue Mission was founded in 1872 to help provide food, clothing and shelter to people in crisis in New York City. Recent statistics by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development show that New York City's homeless population increased by 13 percent at the beginning of this year. (AFP PHOTO)

Honduras left cries foul after elections

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - Political tension loomed over violence-torn Honduras yesterday as the conservative candidate led the early count in presidential elections while his leftist opponents claimed fraud.

Juan Orlando Hernandez, of the ruling right-wing National Party, declared himself the winner with 34 percent of the vote, after 54 percent of ballots were counted.

Leftist rival Xiomara Castro, the wife of deposed former president Manuel Zelaya, was in second place with almost 29 percent of the votes.

Castro, who also claims victory after Sunday's election, cried foul and said she plans to hold an "emergency" meeting.

Electoral authorities, which have yet to announce a winner, will release more results today, following the election that included six other candidates.

Despite the rival claims, supporters of the two leading candidates did not hold any victory rallies amid a heavy police and military presence throughout Honduras.

International observers, including an 800-strong European Union delegation, did not report any incidents. The US ambassador, Lisa Kubiske, said the election had been transparent.

Political conflict would add

to the woes of a Central American nation reeling from the world's highest murder rate, massive poverty and the wounds of the 2009 coup that ousted Zelaya.

Hernandez, the 45-year-old head of Congress, extended an olive branch to Castro, inviting her to join a "grand national pact" against insecurity and poverty.

"The Honduran people voted to strengthen the democratic system of Honduras, they voted for peace, they voted for reconciliation, they voted to leave behind the 2009 crisis, which has been the worst crisis in our country's history," Hernandez said.

But Castro huddled with leaders of her Libre party yesterday to coordinate their next move to defend what she called her "resounding triumph."

The left is hoping to break the right-wing's grip on power. The conservative parties and military dictators have exchanged the presidency in Honduras since 1902.

Zelaya, who was by his 54-year-old wife's side throughout her campaign, alleged that there were "serious inconsistencies" in one-in-five polling stations.

"They are stealing the election from us," Zelaya said.

Mexico ex-president warns of threat from crime groups

ASUNCION (AFP) - Mexico's former president warned countries considering legalization of marijuana that the real threat comes from criminal groups taking over national institutions, in an interview published today.

Felipe Calderon, whose 2006-2012 presidency saw an explosion of drug-related murders, said he was not opposed to legalization of drugs but cautioned that the problems will not go away if criminal groups are involved with the police, as happened in Mexico.

"For me, the issue isn't whether or not you legalize drugs. Sooner or later that will have to be reviewed," he said.

"But the problem in Mexico is not just one of drugs. The criminal organizations have acquired such a degree of sophistication that they are taking over the institutions," he said.

Calderon met with Paraguay's newly elected president Horacio Cartes.

His visit comes as Latin American countries are seriously debating whether to le-

galize marijuana in a bid to undercut the violent criminals that now control the industry.

Neighboring Uruguay is planning to start selling marijuana legally next year, with the government assuming control of all aspects of the new industry.

More than 70,000 people were killed in Mexico's drug wars during Calderon's six years in office.

But the former president defended his use of the military to go after the country's powerful drug cartels, a strategy some believe may have exacerbated the violence.

Mexican crime groups began by trafficking in drugs, he said, but then moved into kidnapping and extortion.

"We couldn't ignore it any more. They were becoming the bosses of Mexico," he said.

Police forces of entire towns and cities were hollowed out by corruption, Calderon said. He said he had to make police chiefs submit to lie detector and drug tests as he rebuilt the security forces.



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Colombian rebels urged to agree on 'humanitarian minimums'

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's vice president yesterday urged the leftist FARC rebel group to agree to a set of "minimum" humanitarian practices to strengthen prospects for peace.

The proposal by Vice President Argelino Garzon would require the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to commit not to engage in a range of questionable tactics in return for a government pledge to respect the physical integrity of their

fighters.

Among the practices the FARC would forswear would be the use of anti-personnel mines, forced recruitment of minors, attacks on "economic and social infrastructure" and civilian targets.

"I think the moment has come in Havana, Cuba, to sign a commitment to humanitarian minimums, under which both the FARC guerrillas and the government reciprocally commit to give greater credibility

and perspective to the need for peace," Garzon said.

The government of President Juan Manuel Santos and the FARC, Colombia's largest and oldest rebel group, have been negotiating for more than a year on an agreement to end their near 50-year-old conflict.

So far, they have reached agreement on just two of five agenda points, but Santos has been pressing for more rapid progress.

The talks resume on Thursday.

US orders startup to halt DNA analysis kit sales



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US health officials have ordered a startup headed by the ex-wife of a Google co-founder to halt a service of DNA testing to determine health risks.

The Food and Drug Administration said in a warning letter made public Monday to the company, 23andMe, that its "saliva collection kit and personal genome service" needs to get regulatory approval.

The company was co-founded by Anne Wojcicki, who recently split with Sergey Brin, one of the co-founders of Google. The Internet giant had been an investor in the firm.

The company provides a saliva analysis kit aimed at helping customers determine their genetic risks for diseases such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, and breast cancer.

The FDA letter said that most of the uses for the kit make it a "medical device" which requires regulatory approval.

The letter said some uses of the kit "are particularly concerning," because of "potential health consequences" of false positive or false negative results for some conditions such as genetic predisposition for breast cancer.

"For instance, if the (genetic) risk assessment for breast or ovarian cancer reports a false positive, it could lead a patient to undergo prophylactic surgery, chemopre-

vention, intensive screening, or other morbidity-inducing actions, while a false negative could result in a failure to recognize an actual risk that may exist," the letter said.

The letter noted that "even after these many interactions with 23andMe, we still do not have any assurance that the firm has analytically or clinically validated the (kit) for its intended uses."

As a result, "23andMe must immediately discontinue marketing the (kit) until such time as it receives FDA marketing authorization for the device."

Number of adolescents with HIV jumps by one-third: UN

GENEVA (AFP) - The number of adolescents infected by the HIV virus has jumped by one third over the past decade, the UN's health agency said Monday, blaming gaps in care programmes.

"More than 2 million adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19 years are living with HIV," marking a 33 percent rise since 2001, the World Health Organization said.

"Many do not receive the care and support that they need to stay in good health and prevent transmission. In addition, millions more adolescents are at risk of infection," it warned.

In the world's most AIDS-affected region, sub-Saharan Africa, the majority of adolescents with the virus are girls

who have had unprotected sex, sometimes under duress.

In addition, many of those born with the virus or infected at birth in sub-Saharan Africa are becoming adolescents.

In Asia, meanwhile, young drug-users were the worst affected.

The WHO said that the failure to provide proper adolescent-focussed programmes had also resulted in a 50-percent increase in reported AIDS-related deaths in the age group from 2005 to 2012.

In 2005, 70,000 adolescents died of AIDS. Seven years later, the figure was 104,000.

That contrasted starkly with the 30-percent decline in the general population, the WHO underlined.

Infant and toddler health



A newborn brings a whirlwind of activity to your life. At first, newborn health might seem limited to round-the-clock feeding, bathing, diapering and soothing — but there's more to newborn health than these basics. Other newborn health highlights include caring for your newborn's skin, decoding your newborn's cries and promoting your newborn's development.

Newborn health also extends to parents. After all, taking good care of your baby includes taking good care of yourself. Sneak in as much sleep as possible, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need a break.

Newborn care can turn your life upside down, and newborn health concerns can sometimes seem overwhelming. Appreciate the joy your newborn brings to your life — and cope with everything else one day at a time.

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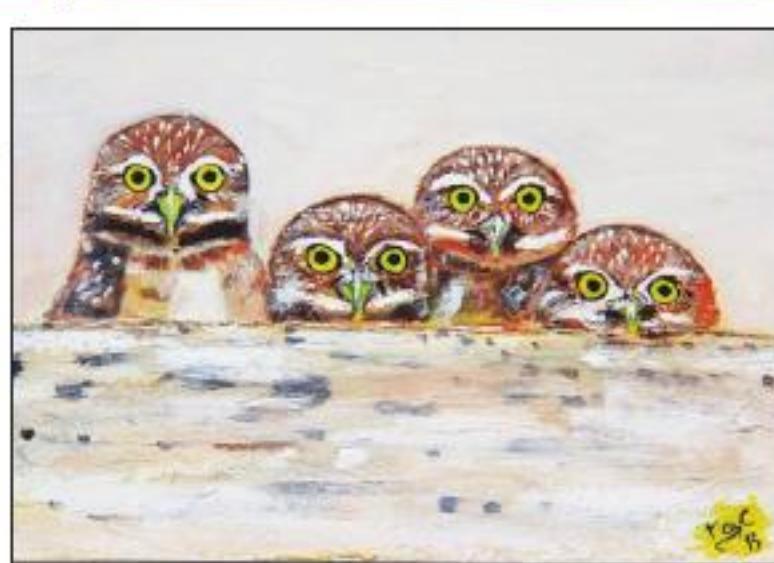
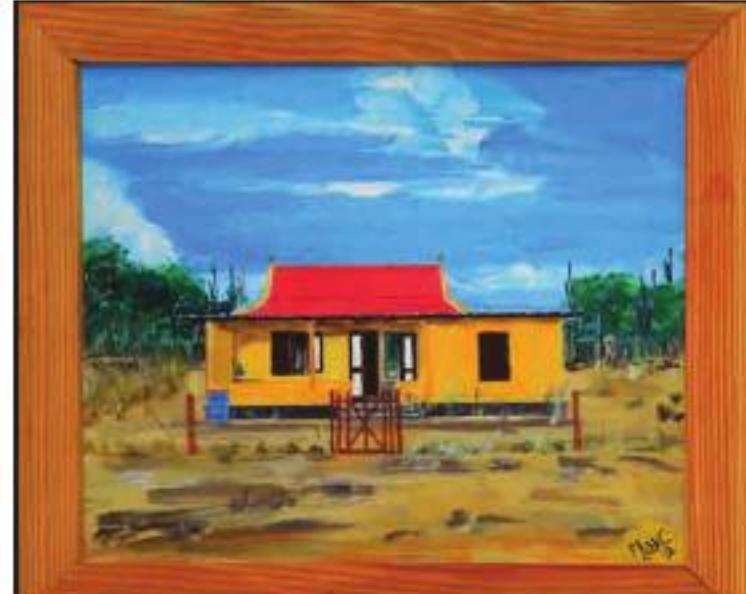
CEDEHM hosts an exposition of "Cas Perdi" by island artists Mario Carrera



Artist Mario Carrera
ORANJESTAD -- The Centro di Desaroyo di Hende Muher (Center for the Development of Women) or CEDEHM, was proud to announce they will have on display throughout their headquarters in Aruba the work of island artists Mario Carrera.

Mr. Carrera, who began devoting his life to art two years ago after suffering an accident that robbed him of the use of his legs, expressed his gratitude for this opportunity to bring his message of "Cas Perdi" (Lost Home) to the public.

The artists explained that his preoccupation with his subjects began prior to his accident, when he noticed during his travels around Aruba, the severely sad state of many of the island's landmark homes and structures. "it is not that



those living in them did not care about the state of the home, (though many do) everyone in the house was working so hard to make ends meet."

Aruba's Monument Bureau is dedicated to attempting to restore and preserve many of these centuries-old homes, some abandoned, but many of them still occupied by descendants of those that originally built them. They antiquated methods and materials used

for constructing the houses also present singular problems in maintenance, as the high salt content of the coral rock causes paint to flake and peel within a short time.

A large percentage of Mr. Carrera's paintings on display at the CEDEHM building depict these homes and other historical community structures. A number of the latter have been recently restored or are in the process.

The collection also includes several paintings of Aruba's native avian population. They are quite charming, using a somewhat realistic style tempered with the primitive. His nature works are also to spotlight the need for the community to be diligent in preserving the environment

and Africa, and is endorsed by UNESCO.

"We are very proud to show the CEDEHM is not only about women," stated CEDEHM Project Coordinator Mia Ras, "we celebrate the healthy development of all our community, together."

In honor of the day, Gainer, distributed exclusively on Aruba by Mediocosmetics, presented Mr. Carrera, his son, and all the male members of island media with a gift pack of their fine hair and body care products.

CEDHEM Aruba is located within a beautiful landmark building, on a side street just off the Caya Betico Croes, heading south. They are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM until noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Presently, no final date has been set for the exhibit. All paintings are also for sale.

By Rosalie Klein



Yahoo hires talk show star Katie Couric as news anchor



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Yahoo announced Monday that US newscaster and talk show star Katie Couric will be joining the Internet firm as it seeks to broaden its reach as a media company.

Couric, 56, will continue to host her daytime talk show "Katie" while being the "face" of Yahoo News and being part of features for the Internet pioneer's home page, according to Yahoo chief executive Marissa Mayer.

"Starting in early 2014, Katie will lead a growing team of correspondents at Yahoo News who will cover the world's most interesting stories and newsmakers," Mayer said.

"From pivotal coverage of natural disasters and historic elections to the Royal Wedding and the Olympic Games, groundbreaking interviews with heads of state and leading tastemakers, her experience is unmatched."

Couric has worked for each of the three major US television networks, becoming a well-known figure on the "Today" show before becoming the main news anchor at CBS, and going on to have her own talk program.

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Watching sport can make you fitter - study

SYDNEY (AFP) - Watching sport can make you fitter, according to a research that said viewing other people exercise increases heart rate and other physiological measures as if you were working out yourself.

The study, published in the international journal *Frontiers in Autonomic Neuroscience*,

showed that when watching a first person video of someone else running, heart rate, respiration, skin blood flow and sweat release all increased.

They returned to normal at the conclusion of the "jog."

Researchers said that importantly, for the first time, it was shown that muscle sympathetic nerve activity increased when people watched



physical activity.

"Recording this nerve activity provides a very sensitive measure of the body's physiological responses to physical or mental stress," said one of the lead researchers Vaughan Macefield, from the School of Medicine at the University of Western Sydney.

"We know that the sympathetic nervous system -- which supplies the heart, sweat glands and blood vessels, as well as other tissues -- increases its activity during actual exercise.

"Now we have shown that it increases when you are watching a moving scene as if you were running yourself."

During the study, very fine needles were inserted into an outer nerve of nine volunteers to record the electrical signals of nerve fibres directed to blood vessels, providing a very sensitive measure of the body's physiological responses to

physical or mental stress.

The participants were initially shown a static image on a computer screen while the researchers monitored their muscle sympathetic nerve activity and other physiological parameters.

These measurements remained constant while watching the non-moving landscape image, but that changed when shown a 22-minute video shot by a runner on a vigorous jog.

While the study concluded that your body will get a small workout from simply watching others exercise, Macefield cautioned that nothing compared to real physical activity.

"While watching other people exercise may increase your heart rate and have other physiological effects, nothing can replace the health benefits of getting off the couch," he said.

Three BlackBerry execs leaving

MONTREAL (AFP) - BlackBerry's management shakeup continued Monday with the exit of three senior executives, three weeks after boss Thorsten Heins stepped down and a deal to save the smartphone maker collapsed.

Chief Operating Officer Kristian Tear and Chief Marketing Officer Frank Boulben, both hired by Heins, are leaving the company, according to a statement.

Brian Bidulka also is being replaced as chief finan-

cial officer by former controller James Yersh, but will remain as an advisor for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Earlier this month, BlackBerry abandoned hopes of finding a buyer who could turn around the company, after the spectacular failure of its new platform, launched in January.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based company helped create a culture of mobile users glued to smartphones, but lost its luster as many have since moved to iPhones or devices using Google's Android software.

BlackBerry still has some 70 million subscribers worldwide, but most of these are using older handsets, with the newer devices on the BlackBerry 10 platform failing to gain traction.



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Bangladesh, US sign trade deal

DHAKA (AFP) - Bangladesh and the United States signed a trade agreement yesterday in a move Dhaka hoped would bolster a relationship damaged by the deadly collapse of a garment factory earlier this year.

Dhaka's foreign ministry said the Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (TICFA), which was signed in Washington, would pave the way for regular discussion on trade and labour issues in the wake of a series of disasters that highlighted appalling conditions in Dhaka's \$22 billion garment industry.

The US is the biggest destination for Bangladeshi apparel with two-way goods trade between the countries totalling \$5.4 billion in 2012, according to the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) website.

Ahsan quoted USTR

Michael Froman as saying that the deal would provide a "formal mechanism" for talks.

The US suspended duty-free trade access to some Bangladeshi products in June in the wake of the Rana Plaza garment factory collapse that killed 1,135 people.

Bangladesh ambassador Akramul Qader called the accord "an opening of a new chapter" in the ties between the two nations and said it would help Dhaka reclaim trade privileges in the US.

"This will pave the way for stronger engagement between the parties to resolve some crucial trade issues" including duty-free and quota-free access to Bangladeshi exports in the US market, Qader said.

Bangladesh has enacted a series of reforms including easing curbs on labour unions and raising the rock-bottom

wages of the country's four million workers in its effort to reclaim trade benefits.

Bangladeshi trade officials have said Washington proposed the deal several years ago, but Dhaka resisted signing the accord due to concerns it could lead to scrutiny of the country's poor labour and intellectual property laws.

Dhaka's position reversed after it came under intense pressure from the US and European Union to improve working conditions in the country's 4,500 garment factories, following the April 24 collapse at Rana Plaza where workers were making clothing for Western brands including top US retailers.

US pending home sales slow for 5th month

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US pending home sales slowed in October for the fifth straight month as supply tightens and consumers balk at higher prices, an industry survey showed yesterday.

The National Association of Realtors's pending home sales index, a contract-based indicator of activity in the industry, fell to 102.1 last month from 102.7 in September.

The index hit 111.3 in May, a high since the housing market began to rebound from the 2008-2009 recession, and has fallen steadily since then.

NAR economist Lawrence Yun said some of October's slower activity related to the 16-day partial government shutdown in the first half of the month, which some real estate officials said delayed their ability to assemble the data needed to complete sales.

Pending sales showed gains in the Northeast and Midwest while the West and the South, the largest market region, slowed

Cuba's telecoms company to allow self-employed workers

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba will allow self-employed workers at the country's telecoms monopoly, Etecsa, in the latest in a series of economic reforms to streamline a bloated government bureaucracy.

Under the new system, which was announced yesterday on the etecsa.cu website, private sector "communications agents" will be allowed to assist with local, regional and international phone calls.

They also will be allowed to sell prepaid phone cards and Internet cards, or reload used ones, and also will be able to take telephone bill payments.

The agents, who will work on a commission paid by Etecsa, will be required to obtain licenses and pay taxes on their earnings.

These new private employees will add to the rapidly growing ranks of self-em-

ployed workers in Cuba since economic reforms have begun to be put in place.

A growing number of Cubans, no longer workers of the state, earn their living as restaurant owners or self-employed barbers, electricians, mechanics and other occupations.

All told, there are about 200 sanctioned occupations in which Cubans are allowed to work for themselves.

Government figures show that more than 436,000 Cubans are now self-employed since the government began expanding the ranks of the private sector in 2010.

President Raul Castro introduced the reforms to try to rescue the foundering Cuban economy by making deep cuts in the number of workers dependent on the state for their livelihood.

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Netherlands	EUR	238.51	240.69	243.11
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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, Dubai : The iconic Burj al-Arab hotel is seen on the coast of Dubai. The Emirati city is competing with Brazil's Sao Paulo, the Turkish city of Izmir and Ekaterinburg in Russia to host the Universal Exposition in 2020 according to the International Exhibitions Bureau (BIE), which oversees the organisation of these large-scale events. Dubai could present a "positive" image of tolerance in a region rocked by turmoil if it wins a bid to host the six months event, UAE Minister of State Reem al-Hashimy said. The World Expo -- which showcases technology, architecture and culture, while drawing visitors to host cities and generating business -- is held every five years. Shanghai was the last host city and Milan is next in line in 2015. If Dubai -- home to the world's tallest tower, largest man-made island and one of the world's busiest airports -- is selected, it will be a first for an Arab country.

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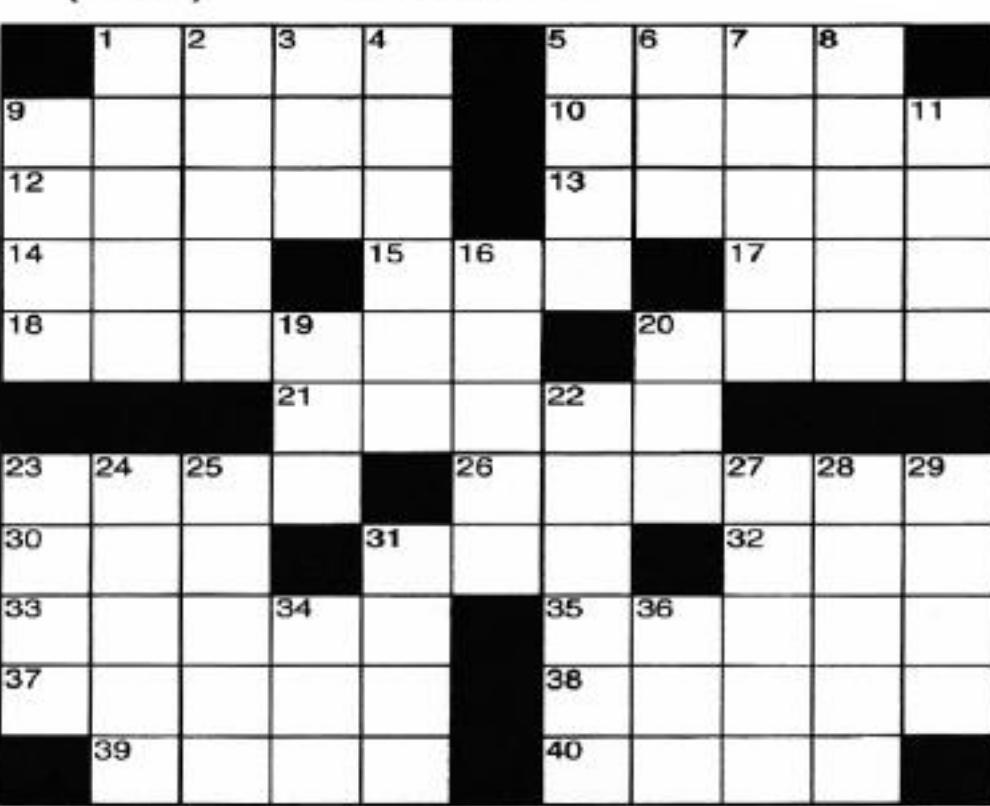
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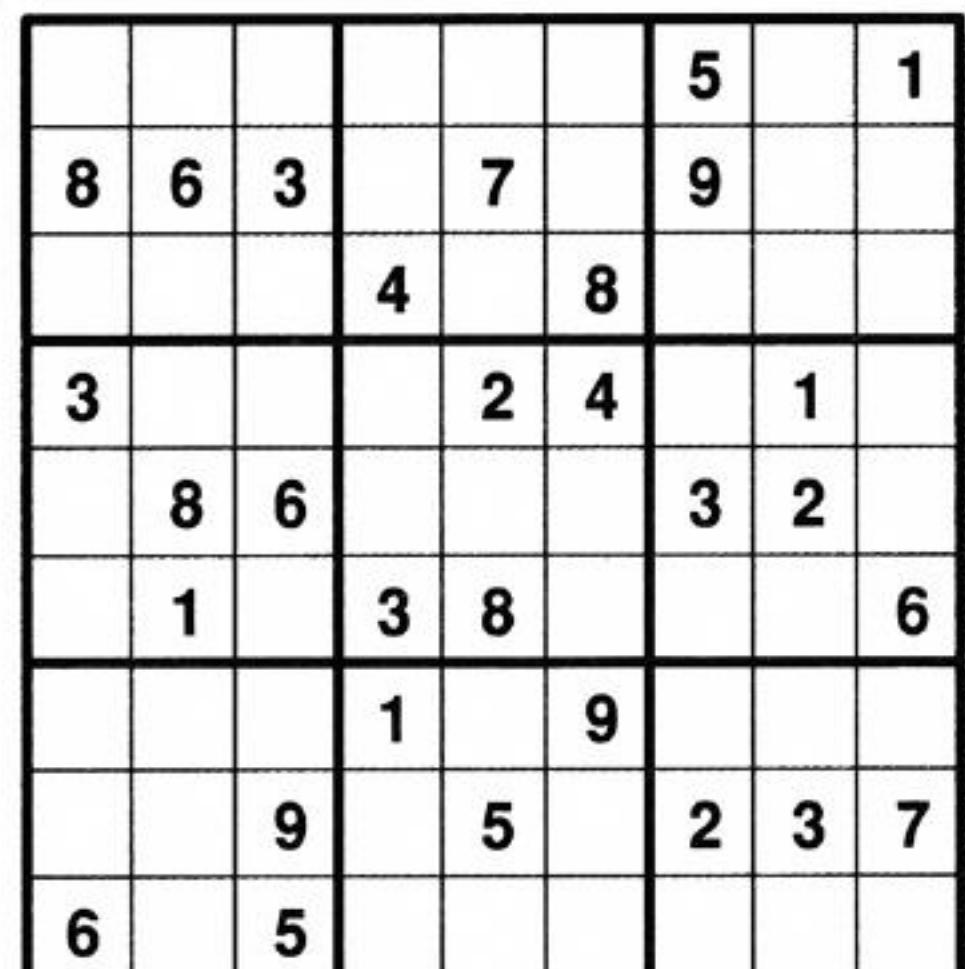
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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



Delicious Breakfast

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on para-

dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way

they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-

most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

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Brady sparks Patriots to OT win over Broncos



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Tom Brady produced the greatest comeback triumph of his NFL career Sunday, rallying the New England Patriots from a 24-point deficit to a 34-31 overtime victory over the Denver Broncos.

On a cold and windy night, Brady threw three touchdown passes and eclipsed his and New England's best prior win rallies -- 21-point comebacks to beat Chicago in 2002 and Buffalo in 2011 -- to lift the Patriots to 8-3 while the Broncos fell to 9-2.

Three-time Super Bowl champion Brady improved to 10-4 in games against Denver's Peyton Manning, his biggest rival among the NFL's top active quarterbacks.

The final turning point came on a New England punt when the ball bounced into Denver return blocker Tony Carter and the Patriots recovered the loose ball to take over at the Denver 18-yard line.

That set up a 31-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski to kick a 31-yard field goal with 1:56 to play in the extra 15-minute period to win for the host Patriots.

"We had some plays that didn't go our way in the first half. I'm glad we got a bounce that went our way for once," said Brady. "It was a heck of a win. We really needed it."

Brady, who completed 34-of-50 passes for 344 yards, improved to 9-2 in overtime games while Manning, who completed 19-of-36 passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns, fell to 3-4 in overtime games.

In other games, Dan Bailey kicked the winning 34-yard field goal on the game's final play to give visiting Dallas a 24-21 victory over the New York Giants and a share of the NFC East lead at

6-5.

Philip Rivers connected on his third touchdown pass, a 26-yard toss to Seyi Ajrotutu with 24 seconds remaining, to give San Diego a 41-38 victory at Kansas City.

The teams combined for eight lead changes, seven of them in the second half, as the Chargers (5-6) snapped a three-game losing streak while the Chiefs fell to 9-2.

Cam Newton flipped a one-yard touchdown pass to Greg Olsen with 43 seconds remaining to give Carolina a 20-16 triumph at Miami, extending the Panthers' win streak to seven games.

Ryan Fitzpatrick tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Kendall Wright with 10 seconds remaining to give the Tennessee Titans a 23-19 victory over Oakland while Ben Roethlisberger completed 22-

of-34 passes for 217 yards to spark Pittsburgh over Cleveland 27-11.

Joe Flacco threw a 66-yard touchdown pass to Jacoby Jones and Justin Tucker kicked four field goals to lift reigning Super Bowl champion Baltimore over the visiting New York Jets 19-3.

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Tony Romo threw for 250 yards and two touchdowns to spark the Cowboys, who rose to 6-5 and matched Philadelphia atop the NFC East division while the Giants (4-7) saw their four-game win streak snapped.

Benny Cunningham, Zac Stacy and Tavon Austin each ran for touchdowns as host St. Louis routed Chicago 42-21.

Leonard Johnson returned one of four Tampa Bay interceptions for a touchdown and the Buccaneers edged host Detroit 24-21 while Green Bay and Minnesota played to a 26-26 draw.

Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes to Larry Fitzgerald to spark Arizona over Indianapolis 40-11 while Maurice Jones-Drew ran for 84 yards and a touchdown to boost visiting Jacksonville past Houston 13-6.

Chelsea ready to clinch last 16 berth

BASEL (AFP) - Jose Mourinho has called on his Chelsea stars to show their killer instinct as the Blues look to clinch qualification for the last 16 of the Champions League at Basel on Tuesday.

Mourinho's team can guarantee their place in the knock-out stages with a draw in Switzerland, while a victory would ensure they are certain to finish top of Group E ahead of their final fixture against Steaua Bucharest.

That clash with Steaua comes in the middle of a busy December for Chelsea and Mourinho would prefer to be able to rest players when the Romanians visit Stamford Bridge. With that in mind, Mourinho on Monday challenged his players to show they can finish off Basel, who are four points behind Chelsea in third place.

"It's a period I like," Mourinho said of the hectic fixture December schedule. "It's a period where I think only the braves can survive because it's hard."

"We go into the Christmas period and the accumulation of matches is so high, but we do it as a special group with a special mentality, enjoying the situation, forgetting we don't have a Christmas (break) like the Spanish, Italian and German players."

"I enjoyed the busy period when I was in England and I missed it when I was in Spain and Italy."

"Now I'm back I want to enjoy it, I want the players to enjoy it, and we need a special mentality to cope with that situation. "Nine matches and one of them is the match against Steaua. That's our motivation for tomorrow (Tuesday), to try to kill the situation in the group phase and give us a little bit of space in December, instead of having nine real, competitive matches, we only have eight."



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Messi absence a boost for Ajax admits Martino

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona coach Gerardo Martino has said Ajax should take encouragement from the fact that four-time World Player of the Year Lionel Messi will miss their Champions League clash today.

However, the Argentine remains supremely confident that the players he has at his disposal will have more than enough to get at least the point Barca need to guarantee first place in Group H.

Messi scored a hat-trick in Barca's 4-0 win when the sides last met in September, however he has been ruled out for the rest of the year due to a hamstring injury.

And Martino recognised his absence is a boost for any side that face Barca between

now and his return.

"I have said already this week that without Messi we have lost the best player in the world and that always creates a difficulty. If I was on the other side I would see it as a positive, but the quality of the Barcelona squad means there can be no excuses."

A point will not only guarantee top spot in the group for Barca but also mean Martino has started his tenure with an unbeaten run of 21 games, equalling Pep Guardiola's best ever unbeaten streak during his four years in charge.

As well as Messi, the Catalans will once again be without goalkeeper Victor Valdes as he too is sidelined until 2014 with a calf injury.

Dortmund ready for 'final' against Napoli

DORTMUND (AFP) - Coach Jurgen Klopp has said Borussia Dortmund will approach Tuesday's Champions League clash at home to Napoli like it were the final with another defeat pointing to a group-stage exit.

Dortmund's 1-0 defeat at home to Arsenal three weeks ago has left last season's finalists third in Group F, three points adrift of both the Gunners and Napoli, who are level on nine points.

The Germans must win both of their last two games to be sure of reaching the knock-out stages with a trip to Marseille also to come in December.

A draw would be enough for Napoli to qualify for the knockout phase for the second time in three seasons, but defeat would allow Dortmund to draw level and set up a tense final round of matches.



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NEW YORK (AFP) - Major League Soccer will play matches until the eve of the 2014 World Cup before shutting down the season for two weeks, resuming play on the penultimate day of group play in Brazil under a sched-

ule announced Monday.

The 19-team league, with clubs in US and Canadian cities, will kick off its 19th season on March 8 with Sporting Kansas City at the Seattle Sounders and conclude the 323-match 2014 campaign on October 26 with playoffs to follow. Each club plays 34 matches, 17 of them at home.

Clubs with players involved in the World Cup could be without top talent for several matches even with the shutdown, which begins after DC United plays at Montreal, Dallas visits Portland and Chivas USA entertains Seattle on June 11 and ends with Montreal at Vancouver on June 25.

US clubs resume June 27, the day after the end of the group stage at the 2014 World Cup, when Kansas City visits Portland and New York plays host to Toronto. Seven other matches are set for June 28.

The San Jose Earthquakes will host Seattle on August 2 in the first match in their new home stadium at Santa Clara, California.

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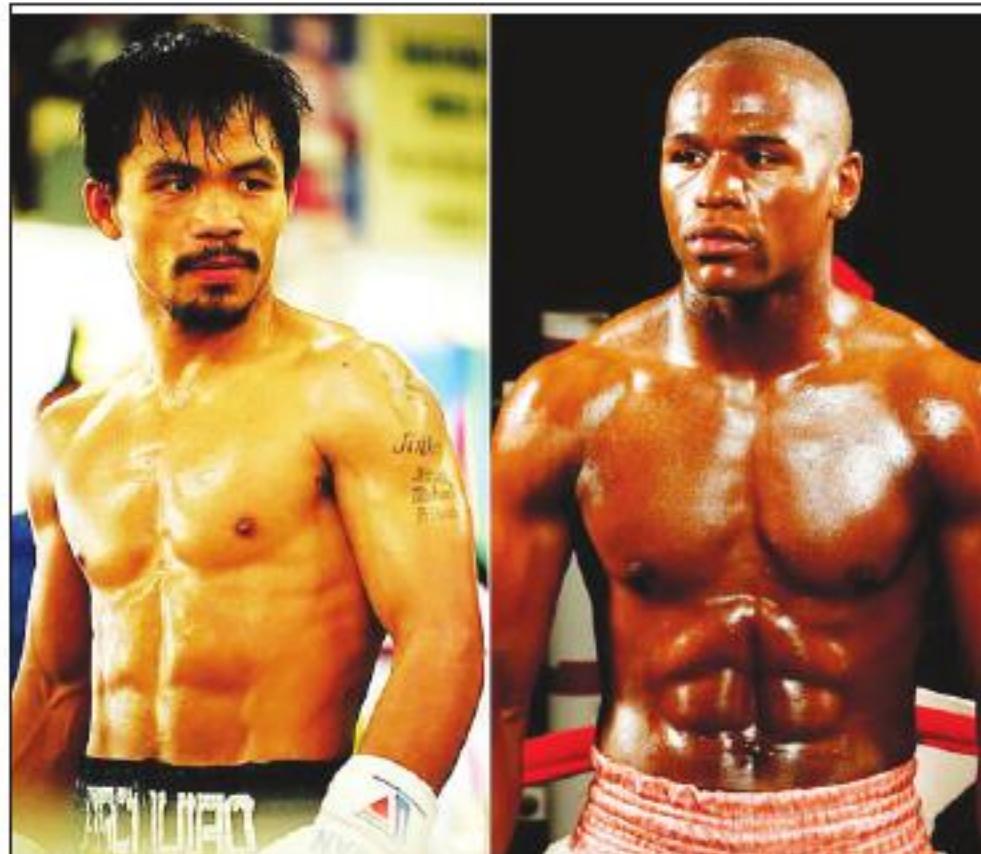
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Pac-Man would 'overwhelm' Mayweather - Roach



MACAU (AFP) - Manny Pacquiao would "overwhelm" unbeaten WBC welterweight champion Floyd Mayweather with his lightning speed if the fight that fans crave takes place in 2014, according to trainer Freddie Roach.

After Pacquiao returned to winning ways by demolishing former world lightweight champion Brandon Rios in

Macau on Sunday, talk turned inevitably to the long-awaited mega-fight against eight-time world champion Mayweather.

Promoter Bob Arum confirmed to AFP that Pacquiao, the only man to have held world titles in eight weight divisions, would next fight on April 12 in Las Vegas, with one of his conquerors from last year -- America's WBO welterweight champion Timothy Bradley, or Mexican arch-rival Juan Manuel Marquez -- the likely opponent.

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NBA: Box scores go high-tech with video links to stats

NEW YORK (AFP) - The NBA unveiled groundbreaking video box scores Monday that will make the league the first in American pro sports to link video highlights to box score statistics on the league website.

The innovative video integration move will include all games for the current season as well as last season and provide video within team and player pages, play-by-play sections, shooting charts and other statistical areas where only text and numbers ruled before.

Video will be added to

league website statistics area shortly after the end of NBA games and feature views of specific plays associated with a specific statistic in a box score, including baskets, shots, assists, rebounds, steals, blocks and free throws.

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"It's a fight that should happen and where there is a will there is a way," said Arum, following Pacquiao's big points victory over Rios for the WBO International belt.

"Particularly after that performance."

Roach said he would prefer a fifth meeting with Marquez, who knocked out Pacquiao on the most recent of their epic encounters almost a year ago, "to shut him up".

But then Roach wants victory over Mayweather. "That's the fight the world wants to see," Roach told AFP.

"Mayweather in his last two fights has been slow, he doesn't move as much as he used to. I think Manny's speed will overwhelm him. Mayweather is not good against southpaws. And he has trouble with speed."

"Manny Pacquiao, he's back, but I never really had the thought he went anywhere."

Pacquiao told reporters he was ready to go toe-to-toe with Mayweather, but that the decision rested with the American.

"My job is to fight and I will fight anybody who will fight me," Pacquiao said. "I am willing to fight Floyd. So it is up to him."

Pacquiao took more than two hours to get to his Rios post-fight press conference, after having to supply two urine samples for dope testing by VADA (Voluntary Anti-Doping Organisation) and the sanctioning body, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO).

One of the biggest sticking points preventing Mayweather facing Pacquiao in the past had been the American camp's insistence on strict drugs testing. That may have been removed now, with Pacquiao being tested frequently.

So did Pacquiao foresee any other obstacles in the way of the fight? "You'll have to ask him," he said, referring to Mayweather.

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Bryant inks two-year extension with Lakers



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Kobe Bryant signed a two-year contract extension with the Los Angeles Lakers, a

deal that likely means the 35-year-old guard will complete his career as a Laker, the club announced Monday.

No terms were announced but ESPN reported the deal was worth \$48.5 million and will keep Bryant as the NBA's highest-paid player. Bryant will make \$30.4 million this season under his prior contract.

Bryant, who is recovering from a ruptured left Achilles tendon, has returned to practice with the Lakers but is not yet ready to play and the team has not offered a timetable on when he might be back in games.

Bryant tweeted a photo of

his signature on a contract line with the hashtag Laker4Life and Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said he expects the deal, which would give Bryant two decades in the NBA, will enable the star guard to finish his career in purple and gold.

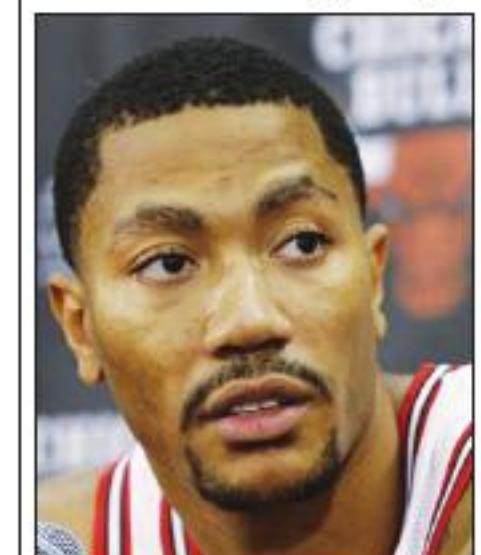
"To play 20 years in the NBA, and to do so with the same team, is unprecedented, and quite an accomplishment. Most importantly however, it assures us that one of the best players in the world will remain a Laker, bringing us ex-

cellent play and excitement," said Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak.

The Lakers have won five NBA titles since Bryant joined the team after being taken 13th overall by Charlotte in the 1996 NBA Draft and traded to Los Angeles. He helped the Lakers to titles in 2000-2002, 2009 and 2010.

Bryant is the Lakers' all-time leading scorer and ranks fourth on the NBA's career scoring list.

Bulls' Rose to miss rest of season after knee surgery



CHICAGO (AFP) - Chicago playmaker Derrick Rose underwent successful right knee surgery Monday morning to repair a torn medial meniscus and will miss the remainder of the NBA season, the Bulls announced.

Rose, the 2011 NBA Most Valuable Player who missed all of last season with a torn left knee ligament, injured his right knee Friday in the third quarter of Chicago's 98-95 loss at Portland. The 25-year-old guard had hoped he might be able to return at some point this season even after learning the severity of the injury on Saturday.

But Rose was ruled out for the rest of the campaign after surgery was performed by team doctors Brian Cole and Chuck Bush Joseph at Rush University Medical Center.

Rose had averaged 15.9 points, 4.3 assists and 3.2 rebounds over 10 games this season for the Bulls, who are 6-6 but were routed 121-82 on Sunday by the Los Angeles Clippers in their first game without Rose.

In the 2010-2011 campaign when Rose took the league MVP award, Rose averaged 25.0 points, 7.7 assists and 4.1 rebounds.